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### **Mitzelfelt Allocates \$300,000 for Phelan, Piñon Hills Parks**

SAN BERNARDINO – At the request of Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved a contract with the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District (PPHCSD) for \$300,000 to expand the Piñon Hills Park with more playgrounds, basketball courts and drainage improvements, and to begin designing a new 80-acre community park in Phelan.

“The population of Phelan and Piñon Hills is large enough to support more and bigger parks,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “Until recently there were no parks there. So I am looking forward to seeing them move forward towards larger facilities and more sports facilities.”

In February 2008, residents of Phelan and Piñon Hills voted to form the PPHCSD as a successor agency to San Bernardino County’s Special Districts Department. The PPHCSD assumed local powers over several local public services, including parks.

On November 3, 2009, at the request of Supervisor Mitzelfelt, the Board of Supervisors authorized the transfer of \$600,000 of Prop. 40 grant funds to the PPHCSD, which had been originally designated for use by the Special Districts Department prior to the formation of the PPHCSD. The PPHCSD utilized those funds to expand a park in Piñon Hills and to purchase property for a new park in Phelan.

Today’s allocation of \$300,000 in local County funds brings the County’s recent assistance to \$900,000.

“That’s a tremendous amount of help,” said Phelan Piñon Hills CSD General Manager Don Bartz. “It’s important because it gives us the opportunity to purchase property and to help develop some of the new parks or expand the existing park facilities to better serve the community.”

The combined \$900,000 will go toward expanding Piñon Hills Park and paying for an 80-acre parcel located on Sheep Creek Road, which the PPHCSD plans to develop into a community park. The first phase of the new park includes a 20-acre planned equestrian center, including a covered arena, horse stalls and corrals, children’s playgrounds and parking.